

BLAINE DECIDED ON

By the Northwestern Free Silver Republicans as Their Candidate for 1892

AT A LATE SECRET CONFERENCE.

Leading Senators of the Party in Solemn Conclave Agree to be Revenged on President Harrison

FOR KILLING OFF FREE COINAGE.

Blaine Not to Be Let into the Senate Unless He Might Possibly Split It

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, March 21.—A curious story is current in this city, and is sent to the Mail and Express simply as a matter of news. The story is to the effect that a conference of Northwestern Republican Senators was held here this week. Grave questions of importance were explained to the majority in attendance by a committee of two, appointed at a similar conference held by Republican Senators at a prominent hotel in New York City about the middle of last week. The subject discussed at both meetings was: "What will be best for the West and Northwest in the campaign of 1892?" The States represented at these conferences were Kansas, Nevada, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Michigan, Colorado, Nebraska, not just Idaho.

Just about the idea of March the following Republican Senators met in New York City: Plumb, Kansas; Teller, Colorado; Pettigrew, South Dakota; Stewart, Nevada; Washburn, Minnesota, and Spooner, Wisconsin. With them was also Alexander Mackenzie, the well-known Republican leader of North Dakota. Senator McMillan, of Michigan, was there by proxy, having given his views to one of the Senators present.

Not Encouraging for Harrison. The subject discussed was: "What had the present administration done for the portion of the United States represented, that is the Northwest, and will it be advisable for the Republican party to renominate President Harrison?" Each Senator gave his views on the subject, and as the majority present were free coinage or silver men, the sum total was not very encouraging for Mr. Harrison.

The result of the meeting was, finally, that Senator Plumb and Alexander Mackenzie should proceed to Washington and call a conference of absent Northwestern Senators and explain to them the situation as arrived at by the New York meeting and then decide. The Senators, however, let Mr. Plumb know what they thought was best to be done.

Hence the second conference took place here this week, and were present Senators Plumb, Kansas; Padgett, Nebraska; Hausbrough, North Dakota; Davis, Minnesota, and Alexander Mackenzie. Idaho had been left out of both conferences. The committee told what the New York conference had done, or rather what it had discussed, and again the ground was gone over by the new members.

Blaine is Decided On. Finally it was decided that the conference thought it best for the good of the Republican party in the Northwest and West to go to work and try to secure the nomination of James G. Blaine by the National Republican Convention as the Republican candidate for President in 1892. The conference was unanimously of the opinion that to consent or hint to Mr. Blaine of the project meant its death, and all of its members acknowledge and confessed that they knew and believed Blaine to be sincere in his determination not to be a candidate, but to do all he could for the renomination of Harrison in 1892.

Yet while they believed this, they determined to go to work without his knowledge or consent, and to do all they could to bring about the desired result in 1892. The whole matter has been kept such a secret that of course there is no gossip about it, but when one looks over the proceedings of the majority of Senators attending the conferences one cannot help but be impressed with the idea that it is a scheme of the free silver men to retaliate on the President by nominating in killing the silver bill last Congress.

Still there were good friends of President Harrison present, and if they have gone into the agreement to support Blaine, it is only just and fair to Mr. Blaine to say as the Senators themselves confess, that he knows nothing whatever about the meeting or their result. If he did he would not be long in protesting. Blaine is sincere in his desire to see President Harrison renominated and re-elected.

There have been a great many Northwestern politicians in Washington for the last two weeks and numerous conferences have been held by the minor lights. The news of the greater conference is just beginning to be known to these states, and it is putting it mildly to say it is causing surprise.

MAKING CABINET VACANCIES.

Dame Rumor Busy at Work in That Direction Just Now.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Advantage has been taken of Secretary Proctor's absence in Florida to start a story on its rounds that he intends soon to resign his office, that he may give his attention to his marble interest in Vermont, and also probably stand for the United States Senatorship. Assistant Secretary Grant assured all anxious inquirers to-day that there is absolutely no truth in the rumor, in so far as anything is known at the War Department in regard to Mr. Proctor's intentions.

It has been reported also that Secretary Noble intends to resign on account of unpleasant relations with several heads of bureaus in the Interior Department, whom he cannot please. The President is sincere in his report is no truer than that about Secretary Proctor, as President Harrison would assuredly remove any or all the heads of bureaus rather than lose his trusted Noble from the Presidential official family.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN'S ACT

In Removing Catholic Teachers Is Now Being Investigated.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—In regard to the removal of the Catholic teachers at Green Bay, Wis., referred to in these telegrams yesterday, THE DISPATCH correspondent is informed to-day that he was in error yesterday in saying that the President had asked for Mr. Morgan's resignation. This may come a little later, but only after explanations, which can be had only when Commissioner Morgan returns. It is said in discomfiture of his action that the management of the school was inefficient; that the Sister in charge was away from the school a great deal of the time and that the work of the school was neglected.

Secretary Noble has written to Agent Keiley, who made the removal by order of the Commissioner, asking for full particulars, and pending the arrival of his answer nothing further will be done.

THE PRESIDENT'S WESTERN TRIP.

Public Business and Not Fear of a War May Prevent It.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—An absurd

story, which was published this morning, that the President had abandoned his Western tour on account of fear of a war with Italy on account of the Mafia, and with Germany on account of pork and beet sugar, caused a broad smile in official circles. The millennium is looked for with as great confidence as a foreign war. Private Secretary Halford said in regard to the matter: "The President wants to go, of course, but there is such a thing as public business that must be attended to, and which may interfere with the visit. The Berlin Sea matter is the most important. The sailing season is about to begin, and the proposition hinted at in Lord Salisbury's last note as to arbitration should be agreed to it would be quite essential that the President should be on hand to be consulted in the case. Then there are the land claims court judges to be selected and the new Circuit Judges."

THERE IS A SALARY BOARD.

Judge Collier Decides That the County Commissioners Must Meet With Controller Under the Act of 1876 Is Still in Force in Allegheny County.

Judge Collier yesterday handed down an opinion in the case of Controller Gier against the County Commissioners to determine if the Salary Board still existed. The suit was in the shape of a petition for a mandamus on the Commissioners to compel them to meet with him and organize as the Salary Board.

Judge Collier, in his opinion, said that the Constitution of Pennsylvania expressly provides that in all counties having over 150,000 inhabitants, the officers and clerks shall be paid by salaries and not by fees, and all fees shall be paid into the county or State treasury. The act of March 31, 1876, was passed to carry into effect the provisions of the Constitution, and section 3 of it provided for a salary board to fix the number and salaries of clerks and deputies. By the provisions of the act of 1876, the board was saved to the county. The Commissioners' side of the case was that the seventh section of the act of 1876, providing for a salary board, was repealed by the act of 1878, and on July 5, 1883, an act was passed creating salary boards in counties of from 300,000 to 500,000 inhabitants. As Allegheny has over 500,000 inhabitants, the act of 1876 is held to have been repealed, and the act of 1883 was a local and special law, applying to but one county and one city, and therefore obnoxious to the Constitution. In conclusion it was stated that the seventh section of the act of 1876 is still in force, and the defendants were justified in organizing as a salary board as directed by it.

EXQUISITE HATS.

Lovely Headgear of Pretty Hens—Bennett's

Easter Opening of Wonderful Creations

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